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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Glen R. Sumner

Serial No.: 08/520,711

Filed: 08/29/95

Title: Offshore Pipeline with

Waterproof Thermal Insulation

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Group Art Unit: 3405

Examiner: Patrick F. Brinson

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 19, 1997

Further to a teleconference conducted between Examiner Patrick Brinson and the undersigned on March 19, 1997, Applicant, Glen R. Sumner, submits that a preliminary amendment will shortly be filed amending claims filed with the USPTO on January 7, 1997. In order to fully respond to the outstanding restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I: Claims 1-7, drawn to a pipeline with a bituminous composition laminated onto a surface thereof, classified in Class 138, subclass 149.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3-20-97

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